



CENTENNIAL OF VERNON (ROCKVILLE)

JUNE 28 TO JULY 4 INCLUSIVE, 1908.

SOUVENIR PROGRAM CONTAINING HISTORY OF THE TOWN, WITH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK, HALF TONES OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES AND PROMINENT CITIZENS AND INTERESTING INFORMATION.



OLD HOME WEEK

VERNON, A CENTURY OLD, REJOICES AT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED. ROCKVILLE, CONN., "LOOM" CITY.

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AUTHORIZED BY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

The Following Amended Resolution Authorizing the
Centennial Celebration by Vote of the Town Was
Passed at a Special Meeting Held Friday
Evening, Nov. 29, 1907.

Resolved—That the legal voters of the Town of Vernon in Town Meeting assembled do hereby declare themselves in favor of an Old Home Week celebration, to be holden during some week in the year 1908, which will appropriately mark the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Town of Vernon, and that a committee, consisting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town, the Town Treasurer, the Mayor of the City of Rockville, the President of the Rockville Business Men's association, and Hon. Francis T. Maxwell, representing the manufacturing interests of the town, be, and hereby are appointed a committee, with power to select fifteen other residents of the town, representing its business and professional interests, who together shall form a committee of twenty-two, and who shall have power to arrange for, direct and carry out all plans for such celebration on such dates as they shall select and which shall be considered most appropriate from every standpoint. Said committee shall also have power to appoint any and all additional committees and sub-committees in their opinion necessary for the celebration.

Resolved—That a sum not to exceed \$2,000 be appropriated from the Town Treasury to be used for the expenses incurred by the Old Home Week celebration during the centennial year of the town, and that the Town Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to honor any and all orders from the Treasurer of the General Committee for such amounts that the committee shall need from time to time not to exceed in the aggregate the amount appropriated by the town.

Resolved—That the City of Rockville be asked to do what it can legally do to co-operate with the town, through the Mayor and Common Council, in making the celebration a success.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

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THE NEW ENGLAND MILLS.

THE NEW ENGLAND CO. was organized in 1836 by George Kellogg and Allen Hammond, who built its first mill in 1837, which was 120 by 34 feet, three stories and attic. This mill was destroyed by fire in 1841. During the fall and winter following the men employed in the mill cut the timber standing on a lot south of Fox Hill, and it was sawed at a sawmill standing where the American mill machine shop is now located, and the mill was rebuilt.

In 1847 there was built an addition of 72 feet, making the present building 192 by 34. The stone building, 120 by 40 feet, two stories and attic, used for storage and sorting wool, storage of yarn and drying of wool and yarn, was built in 1863, as was also the office and wheel house.

The brick mill, five stories, 150 by 40 feet, was built in 1885, and machinery therein started in 1886. In 1847 Mr. Kellogg, who had previously been Agent at the old Rock Co., came to the New England Co., and Mr. Hammond went to the Rock Co., and built the new Rock mill, so called; subsequently Allen Hammond returned to the New England Co. and George Kellogg to the Rock.

The New England Co. was among the first, if not the first, in this country to make fancy cassimeres, commencing to make them in its new mill in 1842. Allen Hammond went to Worcester and learned designing of the elder Mr. Crompton, the inventor of the Crompton loom at its first introduction in weaving.

The Company has always stood high in its products, having taken first medals at the "World's Fairs" of Vienna, Philadelphia, Chicago, Paris and at Cincinnati. The American Institute, 2 first medals Institute of State of Pennsylvania, 1 first medal Maryland Institute, Baltimore; first medal Hartford County, and Connecticut State Fair 3 first medals.

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The mill is now largely making fine worsteds, using yarns made from the finest Australian wools, which they buy, (the making of yarns being an industry by itself), and make a great variety of fine worsteds, unsurpassed by any made either in this country or abroad.

Mr. Allen Hammond died in 1864 and was succeeded by his son, A. Park Hammond, the present Treasurer of the Company.

The present officers of the Company are:

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A. PARK HAMMOND, Treasurer.

GEORGE B. HAMMOND, Clerk and Bookkeeper.

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"**H**ESTERNI SUMUS," "We are but of yesterday," wrote a Christian of the early days, addressing the emperor in defense of his faith and practice. "Yet," he added, "we have filled every place of yours, cities and castles, islands and camps, the senate and the forum."

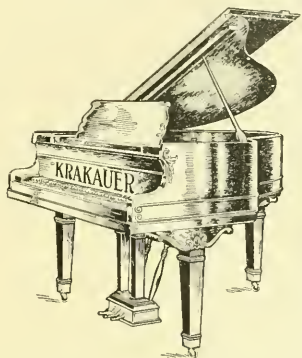
The town of Vernon, which includes the city of Rockville, seems but of yesterday, as one recalls the numerous towns which celebrated their bi-centennials, or even quarter millenials, many years ago, constituent parts of the ancient republics which have been for more than two centuries united in one colony and state of Connecticut. The fame of Vernon, or Rockville's life and prosperity has filled many places near and far, and her manufacturing plants—giant woolen industries—are splendid monuments of the sturdy qualities of the fathers, which have descended from one generation to another, a perpetual reminder of her busy activities and the usefulness of the work she is doing in the field of industrial progress. Indeed, the history of the town tells of high purpose, faithful endeavor and honorable achievement in every generation from the settlement of the town to the present time. No chapter, however, contributes more to the town's renown than woolen manufacturing. It is this industry which has built the town up and sent its name and fame around the world.

When an infant in swaddling clothes the town occupied a unique and conspicuous position in the woolen industry of the country, which was then in its primitive stage.

If Col. Francis McLean, one of the good fathers of the town, a pioneer in the woolen industry, the man who built the first woolen factory of any size in the town, a factory which was looked upon as a nine days' wonder, could look in upon the town today and see the large and magnificent woolen manufacturing plants, it is quite likely he would rub his eyes and wonder if he weren't dreaming. Surely a remarkable transformation has taken place.

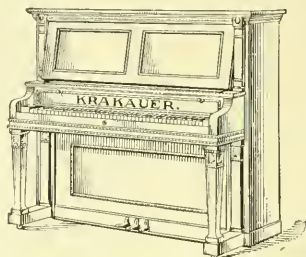
When Vernon was incorporated as a town it was by no means a new settlement. It had an interesting and not unimportant history. While a century has passed since Vernon acquired political recognition as a town of Connecticut, the history of the town of Vernon properly begins with the settlement of the town of Bolton. In 1800 there were 1452 inhabitants in Bolton. In 1810 Vernon had a population of 827, while Bolton's population was but 700. It would be unjust in giving an historical sketch of Vernon and Rockville to omit reference to Bolton, for the larger part of Vernon and Rockville was for many years included in Bolton township. The state of Connecticut bears upon her seal the three vines which stand for the first three towns, Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield. Bolton and Vernon

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were settled by persons from Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, and the name of Grant was prominent in the early days of the town, Samuel Grant being the first white settler in the village of Rockville, the transaction of the original deed covering the rough and rugged lands of Rockville taking place in Hartford, April 29, 1726, being made to him by the agents of the proprietors of the Bolton lands. The settlement of Vernon dates back to 1716, 80 years after the settlement of Hartford by Hooker and Haynes, of revered memory, and 77 years after the adoption of the first American constitution at Hartford by the planters of Connecticut colony. Bolton proper was originally a part of the town of Hartford. It went by the name of "Hartford Mountains" and was sometimes called "Hannover."

Bolton township was a flourishing center of population and enjoyed business prosperity long before Rockville had a beginning. Its early inhabitants took pride in keeping up appearances. They desired to lay out through the center of the settlement a broad street or common. The owners were to throw the land into commons, and of course without charges. A certain farm, owned by Samuel Grant of Windsor, interfered with the carrying out of the project. Being a non-resident, he did not take sufficient interest in the improvement to induce him to give the land. Samuel Grant's lack of public spirit did not disturb the inhabitants, however. They made him a proposition to exchange his farm in Bolton for certain lands belonging to the proprietors of Bolton lands, lying in the north end of the township. Mounting his horse, he rode over from Windsor to look at the lands. Arriving at the western boundary he plunged into the forest and clambered up the stream, over rocks and through thickets, until he reached the outlet of the pond. Having prospected sufficiently, he worked his way back to his starting point. He now rode down to Bolton and offered to swap his farm there of about 100 acres for 500 acres of the lands in North Bolton. No time was lost in accepting his offer and the writings were hastened with all due diligence for fear he might regret his bargain.

The men who made the proposition to Samuel Grant weren't quite satisfied that it would come to a successful issue. They could not see what he could do with the rough lands on Snipsie outlet, then considered practically worthless and of no value. The transaction, however, was fully consummated, as the facsimile of the original deed in possession of the Grant family, which appears at the beginning of this article, attests.

It is questionable if Samuel Grant, after becoming the proprietor of five hundred acres of primitive lands, then rough and rugged, now Rockville, foresaw what the tumbling waters were to be made to do, and what wealth they were to develop. Undoubtedly he saw a future possibility of grist and saw mills on his newly-gotten streams, and shrewdly saw money in the possibility. Being a pushing, aggressive sort of man, once in the possession of his lands, Samuel Grant packed his saddle bags of a Monday morning, leaving his kinsfolk in Windsor, rode bravely along the forest paths, and hitched his horse at the corner of Union and West streets. He buckled right in and worked with a will, erecting in the course of weeks a solid and comfortable log house. The house was afterwards replaced by a frame house, and that by the one now standing on the old site chosen by the pioneer.

Reference to the Grant family, who took a conspicuous part in the early life of Rockville, would be incomplete without at least brief mention of Ozias, only son of Samuel Grant. He was a man who attracted marked attention. A miller by trade, he was large and stalwart, and usually wore the white linen cap of those days, and is remembered by old people as a man of simple and quaint manners, whose foot made a great track in the sand. He was pressed into the English army and took part in the Quebec campaign and the march on Lexington alarm. He was a maker of queer speeches, some of which are remembered and one of which is as follows. When discussing the qualities of the various kinds of wood, said he: "A good yaller swamp oak for a mud sill will last for ages, but a real fat yaller pine will last a good deal longer than a swamp oak." A native of East Windsor, where



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he was born in 1733, he died in Vernon in 1823 at the age of 90 years. He is buried in the ancient burying ground at Vernon.

Of Ozias Grant's six sons all but one, who was killed, settled down on the original acres and built houses, three of which are yet standing, viz., the one at the corner of West and Union streets, the main part of the homestead of Ozias Grant, built in 1809 on the site of the original log cabin, built by Samuel Grant, the first house in Rockville. It is now owned and occupied by Nathaniel R. Grant, in whose possession is the original deed. A cut of the house appears elsewhere. For one hundred years the road on the left in the illustration was called Grant street. The homestead of Elnathan Grant was probably built about 1782 by Ozias Grant. It is still standing. The homestead of Augustus Grant is over a century old. It has passed out of the family, but is still standing.

One of the most interesting periods in the history of the town was reached when, in 1762, on top of the hill, still known to some as the "Old Meetinghouse Hill," the first church in the town was erected. As early as 1749 a petition signed by eighteen of the inhabitants of the north part of the town of Bolton was sent to the General Assembly asking that the privilege of a winter parish be granted. The people felt that they had just cause for relief, as they lived from five to seven miles from the meetinghouse, and the roads were rough and traveling anything but comfortable. This privilege was granted and winter preaching was enjoyed, meetings being held in the schoolhouses and private residences until room became cramped and the Ecclesiastical society of North Bolton was formed, in 1760. The territory of this society was the same as the present town of Vernon. When the town was set off it was divided on the lines as established by the two ecclesiastical societies.

The meetinghouse stood about half a mile east of the present meetinghouse at Vernon Center, halfway between the Bamforth place, formerly the Hubbard Kellogg place, and the Charles O. Dart residence, a well-known inn during the

early days of the town. Surrounded by the original forest, which, when summer's sun was high, cast a grateful shade about, it had a stately dignity, in spite of its plainness. The building was a four-sided one in the prevailing style of architecture for country churches, without any steeple. Slow progress was made in fitting the building owing to the slender means of the people. It remained without pews until 1770 and was not plastered until 1774. The frame of the church was used in the east wing of the old Frank factory at Rockville. A slab—the thoughtfulness of Mrs. George Maxwell, marks the spot where the church stood.

Vernon was fortunate in the selection of her first pastor, Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg, who was called Nov. 24, 1762, and whose pastorate continued for a period of fifty-five years. Affectionately known as "Priest" Kellogg, a scion of that sturdy stock which has given many distinguished men to the country, strong mentally, he held his people with a vigorous hand. A Puritan himself, his people became like him, Puritans also.

The peculiar theology and religious character of New England Congregationalism was indelibly stamped upon the men who went from Vernon to Rockville in 1821 to organize its business and plant its institutions. With them the Sabbath commenced with the setting of the sun of Saturday, from their recognition of the recorded fact that "evening and morning made creation's first day." Even the "divinity that doth hedge a king" commands hardly more attention than that which was paid to the minister in the early days of the town. The very children were taught to make obeisance to him as they passed along the street. An atmosphere of dignity and solemnity seemed to emanate from his black clothes, high stock and white cravat. Sabbath day was universally honored. Civil guardians restrained out-of-door disturbances of its quiet, and "tithingmen," with their long, slender wands gently touching suspected boys or girls, prevented disturbances in the sanctuary. One of the tithingmen got to sleep during the service in the old church at Vernon Center one Sunday. He occupied a rear pew under the gallery.

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His head thrown back and mouth wide open, he afforded an opportunity for a mischievous boy in the gallery to let loose some of his pent-up mischief, and it goes without saying that the boy was not slow to make the most of the opportunity. He dropped a well masticated quid of tobacco which landed well in the back of the tithingman's throat. It was a somewhat rude and rather unpleasant awakening; but boys will be boys, and while the tithingman felt somewhat cheap, it's quite likely he wasn't caught napping again.

Tradition says that a tin peddler by the name of Dean, who had been peddling his wares up this way, desired to get to his home in Stafford for over Sunday. Knowing how strict the people were and with what horror they viewed any desecration of the Sabbath, he ingeniously made a dummy to represent a man from bags which he had in his wagon. When he reached the place where Nathan Lanz now lives he was halted by one of the good fathers of the town, who came rushing out of the house. With a solemnity that would do justice to a deacon of those days, the tin peddler said, "Keep away, keep away, I've got a small-pox case here." It is needless to say that the tin peddler was allowed to go on his way unmolested. The good father of the town who sought to hold him up went back to the house quicker than he came out.

About half a mile east of the spot where Vernon's first meetinghouse stood, on the road from Rockville to Bolton, is an ancient burying ground—an acre consecrated for the burial of the dead. It was laid out many years before the first church was erected. Probably the site of the church was selected partly because of its proximity to the cemetery, but principally because of its location on a high hill. It was customary in the early days of New England to select the most elevated site that could be found. There are many old gravestones there and several graves without any stones. Tradition says that the first body buried there was that of a child who was killed by a fall from a load of goods near the very spot. The goods were being moved by ox team from Bolton. The child was buried in

the northeast corner of the cemetery. There is no place of burial where with more peculiar fitness one may quote the pathetic lines:

"Each in his narrow cell forever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

Once the center of the parish, time has played strange pranks. It is today "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife," removed from the haunts of men. Few go there, except the curious and those drawn by a desire to muse and be alone. The writer spent one day there a few years ago reading the numerous quaint epitaphs. As we wander through the old graveyard and pause to read the uncouth rhyme, under the rudely carved death's head on the frail memorial of one of the early pioneers, we are bidden:

"Behold and see as you pass by,

As **you** are now so once was I;

As I am now so must you be,

Prepare for death and follow me."

Many of the fathers of the town, men who helped make history in the early days and who lived godly and useful lives, are buried in the ancient burying ground, among them being the honored and saintly Ebenezer Kellogg, Vernon's first pastor, who died Sept. 3, 1817. Less than four months before his death he recorded with his own hand the last admission to the church during his lifetime, Eliza, wife of George Kellogg. Following is the inscription on the stone erected in honor of Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg:

Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg died
Sept. 3rd, 1817, in the 81st year
Of his age, and 55th year
Of his ministry in this place.

"In yonder sacred meetinghouse he spent
his breath,

Now silent; senseless, here he sleeps in
death.

These lips again shall wake and then de-
clare,

A long amen to truths they published
there."

With our fathers, religion and education went hand in hand. As soon as settlements were made, first the meeting-house was erected and almost simultaneously action was taken toward the erection of schoolhouses. A school society



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was formed in the town of North Bolton (Vernon), Oct. 31, 1796. At this meeting a committee was appointed "to procure Masters and Misses in their respective districts." The following are the names of that committee: Reuben Skinner, Talcott Flint, John Alcott, Leonard Rogers, Benjamin Talcott, jr., and Abijah Johns. At this meeting the town fathers decreed that all public money loaned should be secured with bondsmen accepted by the society committee; the committee by "setting up a notification in Writing on the Door of each Schoolhouse according to law"; to raise one penny and a half on the last August list to support schooling for the ensuing year. John Walker, Jr., and Eliakim Hitchcock were appointed collectors for the ensuing year.

The first meetings were held in the old meetinghouse of North Bolton. A committee was appointed in 1808 to visit and inspect the various schools of the town. The first committee so appointed consisted of Scottoway Hinckley, Oliver King, Benjamin Talcott, Jr., and Thomas H. Kellogg.

In the early days of the town of Vernon it was not considered out of place for good people to take a little "sling" or "flip." Mr. Cogswell, in his excellent history of Rockville, gives us a clear insight into the customs that prevailed from 1801 to 1821. He says: "It is my opinion that no man from 1801 to 1821 believed it an evil to drink on all occasions. Alcohol was the balm for every wound. Everybody drank some kind of liquor for their particular kind of infirmities. I will include the good old ministers, one in particular, who said it was very pleasant practice at a wedding to drink 'flip' and tell stories." Referring to the building of the second church in Vernon in 1826, Mr. Cogswell, remarking upon this infirmity of that age, says: "The old and young were there—every one. The raising went on, one, two and three days, from noon till night; finally, with the aid of a barrel of rum, the raising was completed." The prices for "flip" and "sling" may be somewhat a matter of interest today. According to a diary kept by a well-known resident of Vernon in 1817, nine years after the incorporation of the

town, and during the period in which Historian Cogswell says "no man believed it evil to drink on all occasions," Russell Horton paid 12 cents for one gill of brandy; John Winslow paid 31 cents for one-half gill rye and cheese; Jonas Sparks "to boarding schoolmaster for you two weeks," \$4.00; Daniel Root, to one-half gill phlip, 6 cents; Timothy Pearl, to one-half bowl sling, 12 cents; Hosea Bronson, "for one pound of sugar, 18 cents"; Chester King is charged "one half bowl sling, you and Bingham; three glasses slug you and Culver"; Peter Dobson buys one pint French brandy, and Phineas Talcott one pint of rum. One man is credited \$3 for breaking flax; another with weaving 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of cloth. It will be borne in mind that weaving was done in the homes of the people. One man is credited 50 cents for a horse to Hartford. One man is charged "to keeping horse one night, to hay and eight quarts oats, breakfast and one glass brandy, 75 cents."

Francis McLean, one of the good fathers of the town, to whom the town is largely indebted for its start in manufacturing, was a remarkable man. He was one of those rare geniuses, who leave their impress upon the entire life of the community. A superior mathematician, arithmetic and surveying were his favorite studies. Building dams and houses, planning and laying out work that others thought difficult was his delight. Full of energy, life and ambition, he probably accomplished more business in his day than any other man in the country and remained in the harness until the age of 77. He did not shirk military duty and was but 18 when he started in. As he tells it: "I was a soldier first, then was chosen corporal, then sergeant, then orderly sergeant, then ensign, then lieutenant, then captain, then major and then colonel. I went too fast from one office to another for my own good. I was captain of a company eight years, was major two years, commanded a regiment, the Seventh Company, as colonel, one year." Then there was a change in the militia law, and the whole military system of the state was changed.

The good old days—the days of the tavern and stage coach—have gone.



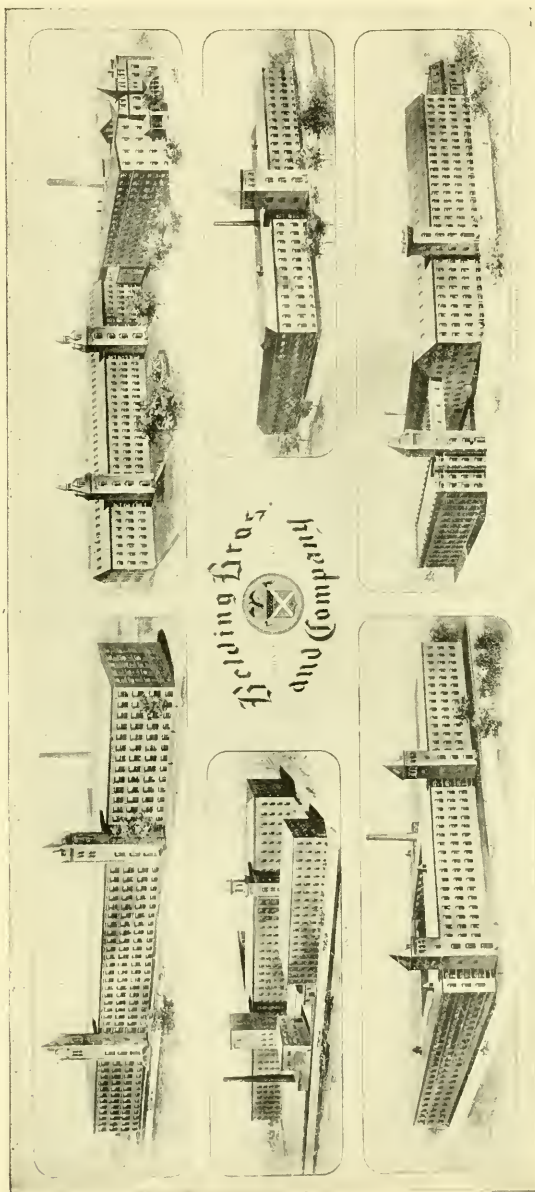
HALL OF ROCKVILLE TURN VEREIN,
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Times have changed and quite naturally there has been a change in methods of transportation. We are living in a hurrying and worrying age. Time is precious and it appears to be getting more precious as we progress. Possibly before another century arrives the airship will succeed the lightning express, as the lightning express has succeeded the stage coach. As an institution of the early days, the stage coach and tavern stand pre-eminent. Few of us can recall the stage coach days, but many of us love to read of them and somehow or other most of us feel that while traveling wasn't as fast and possibly not so comfortable then as now, that there was a spirit of neighborliness about it and much human interest. If the old turnpike over which the old stage coach passed could but speak, how many stories rich in heart interest it could tell. Rockville had her share of famous taverns around which are associated many facts of great historic interest.

"Waffle" tavern, built by Col. King, was one of the best known of the taverns. It was the first hotel in the town of Vernon, and was erected prior to the Revolutionary war. It was on the stage route, and as it was the custom to change horses frequently, they were always changed at this tavern prior to going over the Tolland hills. The tavern had a reputation with the traveling public which extended far and wide. Times in some respects were little different then than they are today. The quickest way to reach a man's heart, then as now, was via his stomach. The old tavern had many good things to eat, but it made a specialty of waffles. The waffles it made were most delicious. They were so good that people went out of their way to stop at the tavern just to try them. Once a customer, always a customer. The reputation the tavern had for making excellent waffles led to its being called "Waffle" tavern. During the war with England transportation was very heavy, the old turnpike being lined with teams, there being a continual procession of people. Tavern proprietors made money, and the large business which "Waffle" tavern did was most encouraging, so much so that Col. King felt justified in going

ahead and erecting a larger tavern to meet the demands.

King's tavern superseded "Waffle" tavern, being one of the best hostleries on the road between New York and Boston. It was a relay station where horses were changed. It was built about 1820 of brick manufactured near where the buildings now stand. It was known as "King's Stage House." Lafayette passed through Tolland county when he made his memorable visit to the United States in 1824. He was on his way from Boston to Hartford. Expecting to see him, the militia was called out, which consisted of two companies, with the addition of two heavy cannon. From sunrise until sunset the guns kept up their continual roaring, for his presence was expected every moment. Runners on horses would often tell the troops that he was near by, until late in the night, the story could be believed no longer. The militia remained at their posts past midnight, then disbanded and lost the pleasure of giving our nation's friend a grand salute. The distinguished visitor finally put in an appearance, stopping long enough at E. Smith's tavern at Tolland to give the people an opportunity to see him, then passing on to King's Stage House, stopping some little time. He was met with kind remembrances and good wishes by many old soldiers who had fought with him in the Revolution. One of the veterans was Solomon Eaton of Tolland, and he was well remembered by Gen. Lafayette. After a short interview, hands were shaken. Mr. Eaton said: "I wish you health and a happy journey through this land of liberty and independence." The general replied: "God bless you and your land of liberty." In the old building a room was specially decorated for his occupancy, and up to within a short time it retained the paper then put on the walls. Lafayette spent the night in Stafford, however, and took breakfast here. Henry Clay and Daniel Webster were other notables to visit this tavern. Daniel Webster's favorite dish was broiled chicken. The mother of Sannel J. Chaffee, formerly of Rockville, was employed at King's tavern as cook. As the stage stopped but a short time, it required ex-



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In the year 1860, Hiram H. Belding and Alvah N. Belding, with a capital of less than \$25, started out on foot from their home in Belding, Michigan, carrying their stock of silk in a hand bag and going from house to house to dispose of their wares. From this humble beginning has grown this gigantic enterprise.

In 1863 they opened a store in Chicago, Ill., and soon after one in New York city and Cincinnati, Ohio, and have added others, till they now have them in all the largest centers throughout the United States and Canada.

Rockville is proud to record that she has located within her limits the parent mill which was the birthplace of the largest silk manufacturing industry in the world. The Beldings at the start realized that the bane of commercialism was the morbid desire for cheapness; therefore they sought, not to produce a cheap article, but one that was superior to all others; and it has been their constant aim to find ways and means to improve their products from year to year till today they are acknowledged as the leaders in the silk manufacturing industry.

pedition in the preparation of the meal for the distinguished statesman. The chicken was caught, cut in two, and while one half was cooking the other half was being prepared by the cook. Daniel Webster had a good meal of chicken, caught the stage, and went on his way rejoicing.

In 1847, when staging was abandoned, the tavern was closed. It was used as a farmhouse until purchased by the town for a town farm.

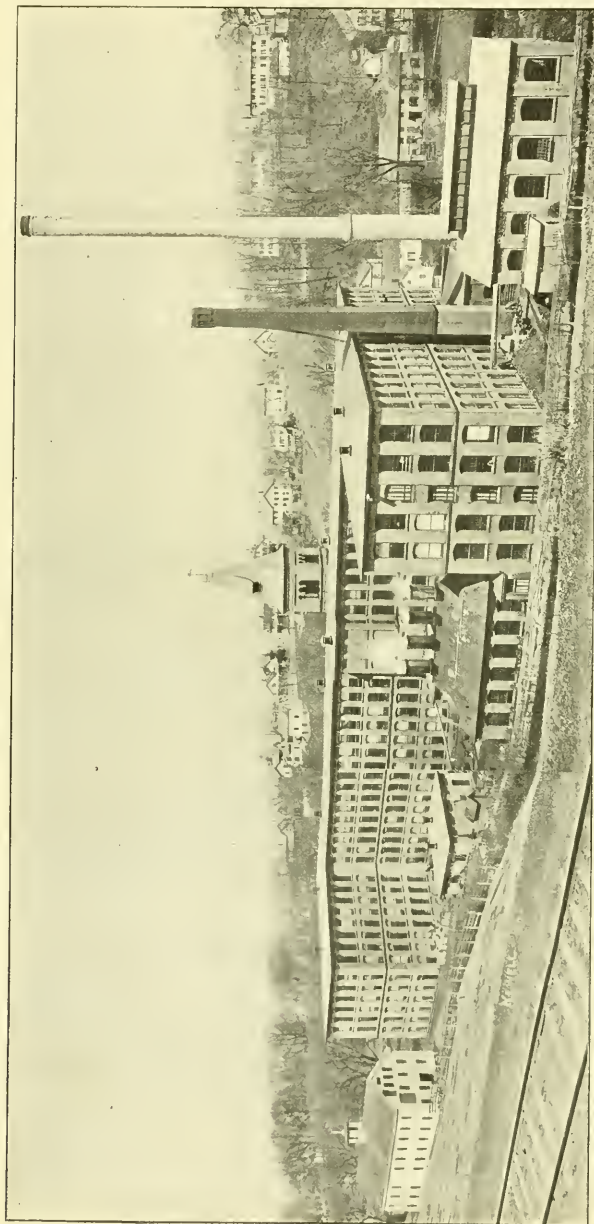
Another tavern, or wayside inn, which was well known in the early days of the town, is the Sullivan house at Dobsonville. It is considerably over 100 years old. While it has been changed somewhat and repaired, it conforms closely to its original construction. Many prominent people have stopped there and a number of social entertainments have been given there. The old dance hall can be seen at the present day. About six feet from the floor there is a little alcove, where "Bije" Evans, a character in the early days of the town, used to fiddle for the dancers. The music at first would be very slow, become a little faster and end up so fast that it would be almost impossible for the dancers to keep up with it. Whenever things were going slowly and any one desired any amusement, all he need do was to stand on the corner and toot a horn. Within a very few minutes couples would come from all about the neighborhood ready for the breakdown. The menagerie (they didn't have circuses in those days) also exhibited in front of this tavern. Several prominent men have managed the tavern at various times and there has been a number of occupants of the house.

Oliver King was for many years prominently identified with Vernon's affairs. He was the first town clerk and treasurer and held these offices a great many years. It is said that while he lived no other man was ever sent to the legislature from the town. It is said that at a caucus called for the nomination of a representative, the moderator, after calling the caucus to order, said: "Gentlemen, please bring 'for'ard' your ballots for Oliver King to represent you in the 'legislater.'"

A familiar and welcome sign of long

ago was the village doctor on horseback with his saddlebags. He held a very warm spot in the hearts of the people. The friend of every one, he was beloved and venerated next to the minister. His store of huge pills and herbs carried healing and comfort to all the countryside. Dr. Alden Skinner, father of Town Clerk Francis B. Skinner, was one of the last of these old-time doctors. He is still remembered by many with reverent tenderness. He was a good man, a kindly man, whose presence in the sick room was a benediction. He carried cheer with him wherever he went. This was part of his medicine. For many years he rode up and down the hills from his office at Vernon Center, where Randall A. Beach now lives. He had a large practice in Vernon and all the surrounding towns. He charged from 25 cents to 50 cents for a visit, and when the journey was long, 75 cents. Oftentimes he made no charges. Many were the families who were beneficiaries of his big heart. He traveled occasionally on horseback, but more often went in his gig, and he got over the roads in great shape. He always took good care of his horses and they were never overworked. He was a heroic doctor, or believed in heroic treatment. Blood letting, cathartics, antimony, mercury, quinine, arsenic, etc., were his favorite remedies. Dr. Skinner was a man possessed of an uncommonly strong and vigorous intellect. His memory was large and tenacious. He was a most successful teacher of medicine, having instructed a large number of students. He went to New Orleans in 1862, as surgeon of the 25th regiment, Connecticut volunteers. He died March 30, 1863, of malarious typhoid, contracted in the service of his country. He was 64 years old. In his honor the local camp Sons of Veterans was named after him, being called Alden Skinner camp.

The name of Talcott has long been a prominent one in Tolland county. The family all descend from John Talcott, who came from England. John was one of three children born in England. He was left a minor by the death of his father in 1604. He came to Boston with others of Rev. Mr. Hooker's family. Jo-



THE SPRINGVILLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1833.

Manufacturers - of - Fine - Worsteds - and - Woolens.

F. T. Maxwell, President.

William Maxwell, Treasurer.

D. A. Sykes, Superintendent.

seph Talcott, one of the descendants of John Talcott, was governor of the state. In the church records of the town of Bolton the Talcott name frequently occurs. Their names are recorded as ministers of the gospel and deacons of the church, and in the town of Vernon the name is common and prominent, including many of the early settlers who founded the town and who have taken a conspicuous part in its growth and development. Phineas Talcott was one of the distinguished members of this family. His wife was Lora McLean, daughter of Francis McLean, the founder of Rockville. Phineas Talcott was agent of the Rock Manufacturing Co. in 1837, organizer of the American mills, its largest stockholder and president until his death in 1863. He held numerous town offices and represented Vernon in the legislature. He was for many years the most prominent trial justice in the county and never was more at home than when trying cases. He would tackle anything in sight. He was the delegate to the constitutional convention from Vernon in 1818. The town voted against the new constitution, 98 to 11. George Talcott, president of the American Mills company and president of the First National bank, is a son. Although 81 years of age, he is vigorous physically and mentally and attends to his business daily. To look at him one would not take him to be a day over 60.

The village of Talcottville, known as Kelloggville in the early days, having been purchased of Hon. N. O. Kellogg in 1856 by Horace W. and Charles Denison Talcott, is a part of the town of Vernon. Its location is ideal, its appearance immaculate. The similarity of design, color of ornament, and general appearance of its residences is sufficient evidence that the aggregate are under the control of one corporation. Mill, store and dwellings are of the Puritanical whiteness, and the window blinds are of the regulation and time-honored green. Not a fence of any description mars the beauty of the well-kept lawns. The manufacture of Union cassimeres has been carried on here for a great many years, the present stock company being organized in 1856, the Talcott families or their heirs being the

stockholders. The high moral and religious character of the village inaugurated years ago has been maintained down to the present time. There are few happier or healthier communities in New England.

Snipsic Lake is one of the beauty spots of Rockville. It was formerly a favorite camping ground of the Indians (named by them Lake Schenipsit), as the numerous arrowheads, rude stone axes and other Indian relics found on its shores, abundantly prove. It is even to this day a favorite resort of relic hunters. The lake itself is not large. It's an ideal sheet of water, however, and is surpassed by few New England lakes. In its setting and adornment, nature has been most prodigal of her charms. Bordered in part by forest trees, whose tall, graceful forms are mirrored in its pellucid waters, in part by immense boulders, projecting cliffs and fine farms, with here and there a summer cottage, it is destined to become an even more favorite summer resort than it is today. With the opening of the new trolley road to Stafford Springs, which passes directly by the lake, thousands of summer visitors are certain to appreciate its beauty. The present height of the dam is $26\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The pond covers 625 acres. The original lake was half that. It is 515 feet above the sea level.

Of the descendants of the Indians who pitched their tents on the eastern slope of Schenipsit lake, settling near Sucker brook, Aunt Sara and Isaac Rogers were somewhat favorably known to the early settler. They pitched their hamlet at the head of the pond, the site which is now easily found. Isaac was addicted to drink, and one day, being too full of fire-water, he trolled off in his canoe and wet himself fatally.

Aunt Sara, a pious, good-natured half-breed, found favor with all the inhabitants, who always generously filled her basket when she made her usual tour. A tract commending her excellences was published and had considerable circulation, in which, possibly, her virtues were exaggerated, although she was indeed a woman of a tender heart.



THE MINTERBURN MILLS COMPANY,

Manufacturers of
Fine Woolens and Worsteds.

THOMAS H. SYKES, President.

M. C. MASON, Treasurer.

FRANK R. REISER, Superintendent.

Snipsic Lake, through its outlet, the winding, sinuous Hockanum pours over a grade of one hundred and fifty feet to the mile into the valley below, furnishing one of the finest and most easily available water powers to be found in America, and steady. The supply of water is practically inexhaustible, and the descent is so rapid that the power may be used over and over again, at surprisingly short intervals. To the genius of "Snip," as it is affectionately known, Rockville is indebted for its growth and development for the past century. The beautiful Hockanum is the magic wand which has transformed an unfertile, unpromising and what appeared at one time to be a worthless tract of land, into a thriving city of substantial mills, modern streets, beautiful residences and fine parks. By its invisible arm, gravitation, Snipsic daily sets in motion more than a score of waterwheels, and for the space of more than a mile the Hockanum is literally studded with shops and factories. The wonderful water power has built up a great hive of industries which have contributed to the material progress and prosperity of the city.

The first mill to the erection of which a date can positively be fixed, was a sawmill built at Valley Falls in 1740. This mill was altered in 1790 to an oil mill for the manufacture of linseed oil from flaxseed. Another sawmill was built in 1744 by one Wolcott of East Windsor. It came into the hands of Peter Dobson, John Warburton, James Chapman and Chester King, in 1809. Peter Dobson was the founder of the first cotton mill in the town of Vernon and one of the first in America. A co-worker with Samuel Slater, the father of cotton manufacturing in this country, like him, he brought from England the plans from which he made the machinery that was used in the old mill. A genius in manufacturing, he had great difficulty in getting out of England. There were stringent laws in those days in England and skilled manufacturers were watched very closely for fear they would migrate. Mr. Dobson was carefully hidden in a hogshead which was rolled on board ship. It was bored full of gimlet holes to give him fresh air.

After the ship had gotten out some distance he was released from his unpleasant and uncomfortable surroundings.

Manufacturing in Rockville was first started at the stone mill on East Main street, where the new Minterburn mill has been erected. Early in the 18th century there was a sawmill there, then a gristmill, and finally a blast furnace and iron foundry, where, during the Revolutionary war, cannon balls were made and cannon cast from bog ore found in neighboring swamps. Subsequently there was a clothiers' mill established for carding and dressing wool finish cloth. It was owned by one Payne, who built a house on East Main street, which at that time was regarded as the finest house in Toland county.

The first hand loom for weaving satinet was operated in a dwelling house a little east of the Northwest schoolhouse in Vernon, which is now owned and occupied by James Campbell. Delano Abbott and Ebenezer Nash were the gentlemen who engaged in the business. They were given quite a start by Peter Dobson, who possessed unusual mechanical skill and ingenuity, and who built a billey and jenny, which were set up in an outbuilding. Mr. Abbott is undoubtedly entitled to the honor of introducing the manufacture of satinet in the United States. Later Messrs. Abbott and Nash, with Francis McLean, built the old "Twin" mills on land now owned by the Hockanum company, on the south side of the stream. The "Twin" mills contained two sets of narrow cards and hand looms. From this modest beginning sprang the woolen industries of Rockville. Truly giant oaks from little acorns grow.

The real beginning of the woolen industry in Rockville was in 1821, when Col. Francis McLean, a prominent and wealthy resident of Vernon, bought a tract of land from the Grant estate and built the mill now known as the Rock mill No. 2, standing where Mill No. 1 now stands. This was really the parent mill. The capital for this mill was furnished by the members of the McLean, Kellogg and Talcott families. Subsequently it passed into the hands of the late George Kellogg, grandfather of the present Max-



HOCKANUM MILLS.

HOCKANUM COMPANY

ESTABLISHED 1809-14.
INCORPORATED 1836.

Manufacturers of Fine
✻ ✻ Worsteds and Woolens.

WM. MAXWELL, President.

R. MAXWELL, Vice-President.

F. T. MAXWELL, Treasurer.

C. S. BOTTOMLEY, Superintendent.

well brothers. A little later Col. McLean sold his interest in the Rock mill and bought the property where the Envelope mill now stands. He built a mill largely from the timbers of the first church in Vernon, which stood near Kellogg's corners. This mill was known as the Frank mill, departing from custom and honoring Col. McLean's Christian name, which was Francis.

Shortly after the Frank mill was started, Alonzo Bailey of Columbia and Chauncey Winchell of Manchester located at Rockville and built a small mill at Springville. In 1836 Capt. Allen Hammond, with George Kellogg, built the New England mill. About the same time Phineas and Ralph Talcott and Aaron and Hubbard Kellogg built the mill known as the Leeds mill, which is now the Rock mill No. 3. These early mills in Rockville were among the first woolen industries in America. They were very profitable and made large dividends. The Springville mill paid as high as 100 per cent one year.

The New England mill was burned during the year 1841. A part of the present mill was erected in 1841-'42. Prior to this time the only goods manufactured were cotton warps. The New England mill decided to commence the manufacture of all-wool fancy "Kerseymeres," and had the new looms from the original George Crompton. It was from Mr. Crompton that Capt. Hammond learned designing. The New England company's looms turned out the first all-wool "Fancies" made in America.

In 1847, under the beneficent influence of a protective tariff, the Rock Manufacturing company greatly enlarged its mills and built new mills. That year the American mill was built. The new Frank mill was also built. These were among the first mills to make all-wool cassimeres in the United States. They were all built by local capital.

The most picturesque mill in Rockville is the "Old Stone Mill," owned and operated by the James J. Regan Manufacturing company. It furnishes one of those rare instances where aesthetics and manufactures may be mentioned together. There are few more charming views in

picturesque Rockville than that presented by the stone mill as one passes up Main street from Central Park. This company has three other mills and has undergone a wonderful expansion and does a very large business, having several acres of floor space.

While Rockville is noted for its woolen mills, it has another distinction, which every city cannot boast of. It has one of the largest envelope manufacturing companies in the country—the White, Corbin company, which concern was among the pioneers in the business. The first envelope machine of any account in this country was the work of a Rockville inventor, Milton G. Puffer.

One of the earliest paper mills in Connecticut was built in Rockville. It was erected early last century and was on the site now occupied by the Belding Silk mill. It was owned by Hale Brothers, proprietors of the New York Journal of Commerce. For many years the paper upon which the New York Journal of Commerce was printed was furnished by this mill. The late J. N. Stickney, who married one of Mr. Hale's daughters, was manager of the paper mill here.

Rockville has within its midst one of the finest silk mills in the country—Belding Brothers & Co.—one of the leading concerns in the business world. It has five mills in Belding, Mich., in Northampton, Mass., Petaluma, Cal., and Montreal, P. Q., doing a business of over \$6,000,000 annually.

The largest fishline factory in the country, making the famous Kingfisher brand of fishlines, is located in Rockville. The firm of E. J. Martin's Sons is known from one end of the country to the other.

At present there are ten manufacturing concerns in Rockville doing business on a large scale. They are for the most part corporations chartered by the state. There are, however, several smaller enterprises conducted by private firms. Of the companies, seven are engaged in the manufacture of fine woolen and worsted goods. These are the Hockanum, Springville, New England company, Rock Manufacturing company, American Mills company, the Jas. J. Regan company and the Minterburn Mills company, the infant

The Vernon Woolen Co.



E. C. HILLIARD, President.

M. H. WHITE, Treasurer and Manager.

Manufacturers of

FANCY CASSIMERES OVERCOATINGS

HAIRLINES TRICOTS, ETC.

Incorporated in 1888

Post Office and Telegraph Address, VERNON, CONN.

Telephone 34-4—Manchester.

industry of the place in woolen manufacturing, but destined to keep pace with its predecessors in high standard of goods and reputation.

The goods of these companies exhibited at Chicago in competition with the best English, French and German makers were unhesitatingly pronounced by expert judges to be equal, if not superior, to any worsted goods in the manufacturing department. Thus as a result of this exhibition, it has been shown beyond peradventure of doubt that, so far as quality of goods is concerned, our American manufacturers have nothing to fear from foreign competition, and it has also been proved that Rockville stands at the very forefront, the products of its woolen manufacturing plants commanding worldwide attention and challenging the admiration of expert judges in the woolen industry.

To show the great reputation of the goods produced in the factories of the Hockanum Mills Co., it may be said that they have made suits to be worn at the inauguration by three different presidents of the United States, the Springville company having made the suit worn by President Harrison, the Hockanum company the suit worn by President McKinley, and the Springville company the suit worn by President Roosevelt.

The cloth of which these different suits was made was sold thereafter as among the highest price fabrics on the market, and were named Inauguration cloth, McKinley cloth and Presidential cloth, respectively.

The cloths were all similar fabrics, being black undressed worsted made of the very finest counts of yarn used in men's wear goods. These yarns took many months to produce, as they were from the very finest selected wool that could be obtained by taking the very best lots from an immense quantity of wool. The goods were London shrunk at the mills and were turned out with a very soft and beautiful finish.

The mills of this association made the first men's wear goods that were produced in this country from worsted yarn. The Hockanum mill has undoubted proof of this from testimony by yarn manufac-

turers, that their books showed the first sales of worsted yarn to any men's wear mills were made to the Hockanum.

The Rock Manufacturing company made the cloth worn by President Benjamin Harrison and Vice-President Levi P. Morton at the centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington as president of the United States, in New York city, April 30, 1889.

The cloth is what is known as a Clay Twill and was made from a very fine grade of worsted yarn. There were 6700 ends and 112 picks of filling to the inch, the dye being alizarine.

The growth of Rockville has been slow and substantial, rather than showy and meteoric. The entire population was less than a score of families in 1822, six of whom were Grants. In 1823 there were five families in the Rock district. In 1840 there were six hundred inhabitants in the chain of little houses that clustered about the mills. Up to the year 1841, so far as can be learned, the people of Rockville were accustomed to getting their mail at Vernon Center, which was the "Hub," being the only voting place in the town and the center of business in general. At this time Rockville was just beginning to put on its village clothes. It had no hotels, it had no steam roads and no trolley cars. In fact, had any one suggested to the Puritanical fathers who held the reins of power that in a short time, or in any age, there would come to Rockville a vehicle loaded down with people and drawn by a little wire, they would doubtless have trembled in their boots, fearing that the days of witchcraft were again to have a run, and a suggestion or an intimation that this same spectacle would rumble and ding dong right past any house of worship on the Lord's day would have been met with emphatic contradiction. The polling place for the town was in the conference room of the Congregational church at Vernon Center, which was built in 1827. Every one went there to vote until 1856, when town and electors' meetings began to be held in alternate years at Rockville and Vernon Center. In 1865 all such meetings were transferred to Rockville.



THE ROCKVILLE NATIONAL BANK, of Rockville, Connecticut.

DIRECTORS—Frank Grant, A. Park Hammond, A. N. Belding, Francis T. Maxwell, William Maxwell, J. C. Hammond, Jr., Charles Phelps, E. G. Butler, D. A. Sykes, A. Park Hammond, President; Frank Grant, Vice-President; C. E. Harwood, Cashier; F. H. Hoff, Assistant Cashier; Wm. F. Partridge, Bookkeeper; E. M. Becker, Clerk.
Established 1855. **Capital, \$200,000.** **Surplus and Profits, \$92,000**

Our business is the safe keeping of our Deposits, and Resources in such a manner that they will be perfectly safe, and looking after the welfare and security of our patrons.

We are frequently able to give counsel in matters of investment, and can sometimes save money to customers.

We have also a Safe Deposit department, where valuable papers, etc. can be deposited.

We buy and sell Sterling and Continental Exchange; sell Letters of Credit available in all parts of the world; Travellers' Checks for domestic and foreign use, and transact a general banking business.

In 1836 a building was erected in Rockville, where the Henry building now stands, where the first school was located and where the first public religious service in Rockville was held. The building was moved and now stands near the Adams brick mill on East Main street, being the last building on the right before crossing the stream. About 1838, or a little later, a Congregational church was erected where the Memorial building now stands. It was known as the First Congregational church.

Rev. Diodate Brockway acted as supply until Rev. Ansel Nash was installed, Jan. 30, 1839. George Kellogg and Edward Hall were the first deacons. In 1849 the Second Congregational church was built. It stood where the present Union Congregational church stands. There were 48 members—29 from the First church and 19 from other churches. In 1850 the Baptist denomination built a church on West Main street. The building is now used by the German Lutheran church. A Catholic church was built about the same time. The brick schoolhouse now used as a grammar school was opened in 1849. The Union Congregational church, which is one of the handsomest churches in New England, was built in 1889, the same year as the Memorial building.

The first postoffice in Rockville was started during the administration of President John Tyler. Previous to this time the community had no name. It was made up by counting the mills and houses belonging to each corporation. There were several small localities known by different names, to wit., Rock, New England and Stone mills, Paper mill, Leeds mill, Grist mill, Saw mill, Frank factory, Springville, Hockanum and Saxony mills. The place was commonly known as Rock factory. People going to the city from outside would say, "I am going to the Rock." Even to this day that name is used by many of the earlier settlers and older inhabitants. Naturally there was some strife before a name was selected. Each of the clustering villages around the several mills desired to have its own name adopted. It was voted in public meeting, after a brief canvass, to

adopt the name Rockville, after the Rock mill, it being the pioneer mill of the place.

Samuel P. Rose was the first postmaster in Rockville. He received his appointment May 5, 1842, and it is presumed that previous to his appointment, for a year or more at least, the mail had been brought from Vernon and distributed by him. The postoffice was located in a store kept by Mr. Rose, in a building which stood nearly opposite the Johnson building, on what is now Central Park. George Talcott, now president of the First National bank, was a clerk for a while. In 1844 the Moore building was erected, which stood next to the present Methodist church on the site of the Memorial building, and for some time previous to its being pulled down was occupied by Carroll & McDonnell. This building was occupied by Samuel P. Rose and Edward McLean, and it is presumed that the post office was kept here for a brief period, as Mr. Rose's appointment did not expire until June 4, 1845.

The second postoffice was opened in a house owned by Minerva Stewart. Her father, who was a democrat, was the second postmaster. Democrats in Rockville in those days were few and far between.

John Brown, "Old John Brown," of Ossawatimie fame, the forerunner of freedom for the black man in the United States, immortalized in song and story, who sacrificed his life for violating the law, but in a just cause, at least so considered from a northern standpoint, whose conduct at Harper's Ferry proved that he had the stuff that heroes are made of in him, and made his name a household word all through the North, was associated with the business interest of Rockville in its early days. He was a frequent visitor in Rockville, being a wool buyer in his early days. There are people now living in Rockville who recall him and who were acquainted with him when he came to the city to sell wool. A. Park Hammond and J. C. Hammond, Jr., are among the number. The latter had in his possession until recently a letter and a receipt for money in Brown's handwriting. Brown purchased wool for the old New England company when George Kellogg (Uncle George) was agent. The



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THE J. J. REGAN MFG. CO.

company had the utmost confidence in his honesty and advanced him money with which to purchase wool in the West. On one occasion \$2,800 was placed in his hands for the purpose and the receipt for the same was in Mr. Hammond's possession for a great many years and is probably somewhere among his belongings today.

Brown was also connected with a Boston firm dealing in cattle. On the occasion of furnishing the \$2,800 to Mr. Brown, he became somewhat financially involved and in a somewhat tight place generally; consequently the company never fully recovered the amount. Mr. Brown wrote a letter explaining the situation. This letter, which came into Mr. Hammond's possession, is dated at Franklin Mills, Aug. 27, 1839, and is directed to "George Kellogg, Esq., agent of New England Manufacturing company, Vernon, Connecticut." This, it will be seen, was before there was any postoffice in Rockville.

The letter is written on a piece of unruled paper nearly the size of a sheet of foolscap. Envelopes were not used at that time and the letter bears the marks of the prevailing style of folding and also the wafer and the marks of the letter seal on the wafer. The figures 25 are doubtless the amount of the postage, which is somewhat higher than the present day certainly. The letter was dated about four days before mailing, which may be assumed to be due to the further limited postal facilities of those times.

In the letter, Mr. Brown humbles himself and the whole sentiment is that of regret at being unable to pay at that time and a promise of doing all in his power to liquidate. The New England company never bore any ill will against the man for his failure, but held him in high esteem. It may be said further to the credit of Mr. Brown that in his will he left the sum of \$50 for the company.

A. Park Hammond conveyed Mr. Brown to Hartford by team when he was here.

The bell on the old First church in Rockville was tolled out of respect to John Brown at the time he was hanged

by Governor Wise of Charleston, Virginia, Dec. 2, 1859.

To understand what we are today we need to go back to the toils and hardships of our ancestors. It is well for us in imagination to turn back the dial of time and stand where our fathers stood. If we inquire for the cause of the supremacy of Rockville, it will be found in the purposes and deeds of men, who in wisdom laid their plans, overcame obstacles and made the place worthy of the attention given it. It was not a favorable situation alone nor any single industry (although woolen has done much for the city), that inspired its growth in its early days, but a number of intelligent, persevering, far-seeing men, who worked with stout hearts and by their earnest purpose laid the foundations of prosperity for the town and city. Only by a painstaking self-denial and the exercise of great sagacity was success attained. The influence of the fathers had much to do with inspiring the changes which has made Rockville a conspicuous city. Brief mention has been made of a few of these men. There are others who should not be forgotten, however, among the number being the Kellogg brothers, Nathaniel O. (Uncle George), and Allyn; Capt. Allen Hammond and George Maxwell. George Sykes and William H. Prescott also deserve a place on the honor roll. All of these have passed away.

Among those now living, no one man has done more for the town than Hon. Francis T. Maxwell, son of the late George Maxwell. He is actively identified with the manufacturing, financial, social and religious interests of the community, and in every respect is a worthy successor to his beloved and lamented father. Few men are better or more favorably known about the state. He is the ideal citizen and a pillar of which any community may well be proud.

"A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Rockville is set, not upon a single hill, or seven hills, like ancient Rome, but upon a series of hills. Its situation is striking and unique. Located in the highlands of Tolland county, it overlooks the famous Connecticut valley and presents a panorama of some of the

THE AMERICAN MILLS COMPANY

(ESTABLISHED 1847.)



THE AMERICAN MILLS.



Geo. Talcott, Pres.



C. N. McLean, Treas.



Ed. F. Badmington, Supt.

MANUFACTURERS OF FINE FANCY WORSTEDS AND KERSEYS FOR
MEN'S WEAR; ALSO HIGH GRADE STANDARD AND
FANCY CARRIAGE CLOTHS.

most charming landscape scenery to be found in New England. From the top of Fox hill, which is 693 feet above the sea level, a magnificent view not only of the city, but of the country for miles around, is obtained. It is one of the many spots no visitor should neglect. The upper part of North Park street also furnishes a delightful prospect. With a good glass, Mt. Tom, Mt. Holyoke, the state capitol at Hartford and numerous towns and villages can be seen. There are beautiful drives and good roads. There are trolley lines running to Hartford, Springfield and Stafford Springs, and through fast service from Hartford to Boston is expected before a great while, but a few links remaining to be connected. The city is halfway between New York and Boston. It has the best drinking water in the state and a modern gas and electric service. Its people are happy because healthy, the place being one of the most healthful communities in the state.

The daily wants of Rockville are supplied by over one hundred stores, shops and markets. There are numerous substantial and handsome business blocks, and for a community of its size, there are few, if any, that can boast of so many costly and magnificent residences. There are three parks, and a feature that speaks well for the community is the fact that a large percentage of the people own their own homes.

The city has two national banks with deposits of \$700,000, doing a yearly business of \$23,273,800; two savings banks with deposits of \$3,407,000, a building and loan association with assets of \$110,000, a weekly payroll of \$25,000. The assessed valuation of the property is \$6,021,096, and a yearly freight business of 80,000 tons is done. There are eight churches, three church or parochial schools, twenty-three graded public schools, with free text books, teaching music, manual training and sewing, besides the regular courses. The high school building was completed in 1893 at a cost of \$40,000. The parochial school building, which was completed about the same time, cost about the same. The schools are famous for their high grade and efficiency. The public library, which is an imposing building, enhancing

the beauty and adding to the attractiveness of Union street, where it is located, contains over 10,000 volumes. It is a gift to the city by the Maxwell family as a memorial to George Maxwell. There is a reading room in connection with the library. The church buildings are modern and attractive. Union church, which was built in 1889 at a cost of \$75,000, and the new St. Bernard's Roman Catholic church, which took the place of the one destroyed by fire and which is not wholly completed yet, are as handsome churches as can be found in any community. Rockville's Memorial hall, erected by the town in 1889 in memory of the soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil war, is a structure of character and dignity. It has an elegant public hall capable of seating 1,000 persons. The building contains the rooms of Burpee post, G. A. R., the city offices, the town offices, the police court room, the Superior court room, the bar library and other public rooms.

A city hospital, made possible by the Prescott family, William H. Prescott having given \$50,000 before his death, and the family having contributed the site, will be a reality in a few years. It will supply a long felt want and bring joy to all hearts. The magnificent generosity of the Sykes family, which insures a manual training school, is referred to elsewhere. Very few cities with a population of 9,000 can boast of a trio of such magnificent and at the same time practical gifts as a free public library, a manual training school and a city hospital. Surely these are splendid monuments of the noble-mindedness of the living and the dead, unmistakable evidence of private munificence. The wealth acquired by honest industry flows back in a stream of beneficence when its possessors realize their obligations to use their wealth as a trust for the benefit of others, and such beneficence appears in Rockville in the gifts of the Maxwell, Sykes and Prescott families.

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The secret of Rockville's prosperity is not difficult to solve. The great woolen factories are in Rockville today because their owners or their fathers have made their money in Rockville and are loyal to Rockville. Surely Rockville lives up to her name, the "Loom City," a city in which its looms of industry are building honest riches; a city whose hills loom into the regions of pure air and invigorating health, crowned by good old New England homes in which abide industry and integrity; a city whose achievements in all the pursuits of life and whose contributions to the state and nation loom high in the estimation of the American brotherhood of municipalities. This is Rockville on this centennial—the "Loom City." ..



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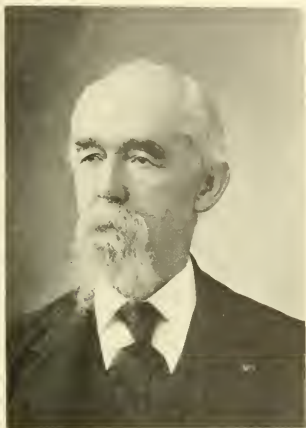
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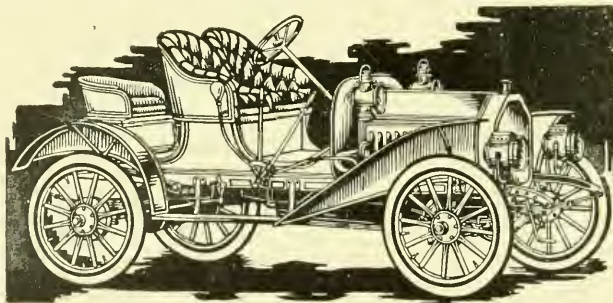
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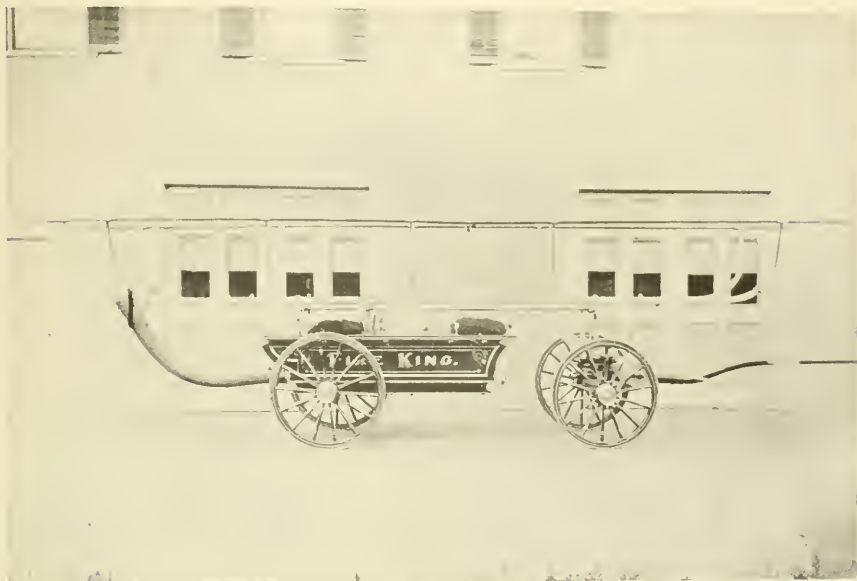


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There were no prosecutions for "ringing in" false alarms then, for no false alarms were given, taking a strict view of the matter. What matter if a few packing boxes or tar barrels did get ablaze in some mysterious manner? There were no tramps about in those days to lay the cause to. And it was the people who saw these fires and imagined some house on fire who gave the alarm, and with good intentions. Nobody to blame. Besides there was no expense when the department was called out, only occasionally wounded feelings. The remuneration the fire laddies received

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To speak of the Rockville fire department in the days of long ago without calling attention to the "false alarms" would be considered a high crime misdemeanor, to use the words of an old German professor. Of these "false alarms" it is only necessary to mention one. It was the king of them all, however. There are some here in our midst today who remember it, and there are some here, too, who dare insinuate that there are those here who could tell, by practical experience, the ins and outs of that false alarm. At that time there was no common council to pay a detective for looking up the criminals. Indeed, there was no ordinance relative to the matter. A lesson may have been learned from that incident, however, as it may be proper to assume that one or more of those "alarm ringers" may have seen service in the city council and had a hand in framing the present ordinance.

But now for the false alarm which has gone into history, mostly unwritten, perhaps. It was not long after old "Fire King" had been purchased. The members of the fire department then were the first men of the village. They were proud of belonging to the department, too. At that time the Saxony pond was quite large. The mills all made their own gas and one man suggested that some of it must have run out into the stream. Be that as it may, one awfully stormy night, a night hardly fit for a human being to be out of doors, the snow piled two feet on the level, the old-fashioned alarm "rung out" on the snowy air. "Fire King" boys, ever ready for a contest, were onto their job, to use a somewhat slang term. They ran, tugged, pulled and puffed away for a weary mile—the longest mile they had been up against in all their experience—and lo and behold! what did they find? A blaze from a huge pile of tar barrels, boxes, etc. on the further corner of the pond. Those with any imagination can readily picture how these men felt and acted. Human nature is human nature the world over. It wasn't any different then than it is today. Were they sore, were they angry? Well, it's quite likely they were. They raved (never swore of course), and vowed eternal vengeance on the perpetrators of the joke. One or two of the recognized leaders in the affairs of the town, who were looked upon as pillars in the community, held high their purses in the air. They were anxious to give large sums in rewards for the detection of the offenders against the sacredness of Rockville's fire system. A wise headed man, however, put his hand upon the benevolent champions of law and order, and suggested: "I wouldn't do it, Capt. —; it might possibly hit too near home."

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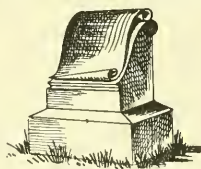
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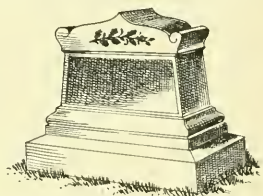


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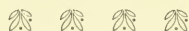


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FIRST CHURCH ERECTED IN TOWN OF VERNON.

(From pen and ink drawing by Special Artist from description furnished by Allyn Stanley Kellogg in Historical Address on "The Church of Christ," Vernon, Ct.)

The Ecclesiastical Society of North Bolton was formed in 1760. The territory of this society was the same as the present Town of Vernon. The church records contain no account of the formation of the church, except a single line, written by Deacon Francis King, as late as 1818, "The church in Vernon was formed October, 1762." This church was known as the "Second Church of Christ in Bolton," until the Town of Vernon was incorporated, in October, 1808, when the Church and the Society took the name of the town. The meeting house was raised on the 6th of May, 1762, and was first used for divine worship on the 20th of June following. The meeting house was 46-36 feet, with 22-foot posts. The building committee that had charge of the building of the church consisted of John Chapman, David Allis and Seth King. The meeting house stood on the top of a hill about half a mile east of the present meeting house at Vernon Centre. It was of prevailing style of architecture for country churches—a plain four-sided building, without a steeple. The interior of the house was arranged after the almost universal fashion, with nearly square pews having straight backed seats, with galleries on three sides, and, high above the stairs in each front corner, a negro pew.

On the 29th of March, 1762, it was voted "To call Mr. Ebenezer Kellogg upon probation, in order for settlement. After a trial of three months, on the first of July, it was "Voted, to call Mr. Ebenezer Kellogg to settle in the work of the ministry in said society." It was voted to give him as a salary, 55 pounds the first year, and so to rise by 1 pound yearly, to 65 pounds; and also to give him 100 pounds settlement at the end of one year after his ordination, and 50 pounds at the end of the next year. On the 9th of September the vote was changed, naming a salary of 60 pounds the first year, to increase by 1 pound yearly until it reached 70 pounds. One month later it was voted "to accept Mr. Ebenezer Kellogg's answer, dated Oct. 7, 1762." The salary remained unchanged through Mr. Kellogg's life. After the adoption of the federal currency the sum was expressed by \$233.33, instead of 70 pounds.

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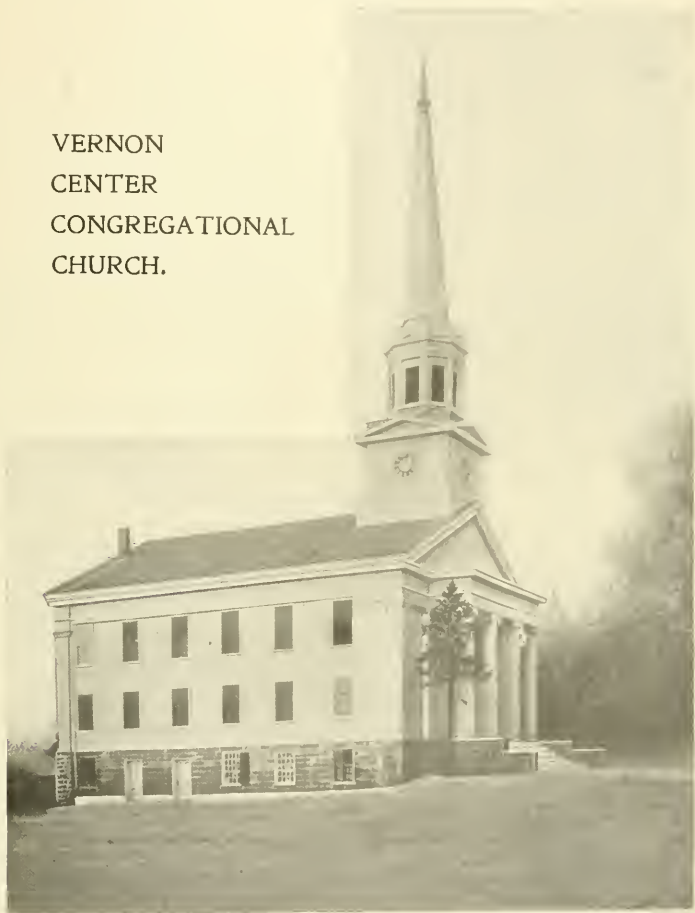
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The first house of worship, one-half mile east of the present building, was erected in 1762; present building erected in 1826, thoroughly remodeled in 1851, when the portico and spire were added. The spire was taken down in 1896.

The church has had 24 pastors. The first, Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg, served the church 55 years. Among his descendants may be mentioned a grandson, Rev. Ebenezer Kellogg, for 30 years a professor in Williams college; Rev. Martyn Kellogg, president of the University of California, and now living; Mrs. Harriet Kellogg Maxwell of Rockville. The records of the church are rich in other honored names, which there is not space to mention here.



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PARK PLACE AND PARK STREET ABOUT 1870.

Site of Present Modern Henry Building, Showing First Congregational Church of Rockville.



Second Congregational Church of Rockville, formed in 1849. Stood on the site of the present Union Church. Destroyed by fire in 1888. Old Pember store is seen at the left in illustration. Second building.



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The First Congregational Church in Rockville was formed in 1837, 35 of its 40 members coming from the Vernon Center church. In 12 years another church was needed in the growing village and the Second Congregational Church was formed in 1849. For 40 years these churches worked side by side; but in 1888 the building of the Second Church was destroyed by fire and the town purchased the site of the First Church for the Memorial Town Hall. As there were then eight churches in the place, the Congregationalists voted to unite their forces, and the Union Congregational Church



Rev. C. E. McKinley, Pastor.

was formed Aug. 7, 1888. The corner stone of the new building was laid in 1889, and the church dedicated Sept. 18, 1890. The first pastor was the Rev. James Dingwell, who served until 1895. The present pastor, Rev. Charles E. McKinley, has been with the church since September, 1896.

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(By Hans B. Julow.)

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The foot-trail crossed a rugged crest:
Whence travelers, through the distant haze
Of eve, could see the fading rays—

The golden sunset to the west:
There lay a wooded countryside,
Of stately hill and charming vale;
It was by Nature occupied,
The haunt of beaver, fox and quail.

It was the Indians' hunting-ground;
They came with arrow and with bow,
For far and wide was it renowned,
As in abundance there were found

The luscious partridge and the roe,
They pitched their wigwams roundabout,
Within its many sheltered nooks;
They sought the bass, the eels and trout.
Within its sparkling lakes and brooks.

However, with the passing years,
The settlers came. They first cleared land
For raising corn—the priceless ears
That long have been, to pioneers,
The staff of life, the saving hand.
And of the trees that they had felled,
They builded cabins, plain in form,
Yet fitting, for they well repelled
The summer's rain and winter's storm.

These men lived, not by warfare's spoil;
They sacked no cities, burned no homes;
But gathered from the virgin soil
Their needs of life by patient toil,
As bees that build the honeycombs,
Ah! is it to be wondered, then,
If such a region fares so well;
If fortune smiles upon such men;
If virtue, thrift, among them dwell?

Ere many times, with summer's wane,
The corn had ripened in the shock,
There were fields, too, of other grain;
While here and there in rail-fenced lane,
At nightfall, gathered herd and flock,
There was the flax field's waving blue,
The orchard, meadow, fair to see,
The garden neat, where flowers grew.
And vegetables luxuriantly.

The cabins rude had given way
To models of the joiners' skill;

There were the barns for grain and hay,
And stables for the herds to stay.

When roared the winter's winds so shrill,
For these had Nature given well—
The forests of past centuries;
The rivulet in shaded dell,
To turn the mill to saw the trees.

No longer did the trail suffice,
As when the Indian stalked the deer;
For e'er, with civilization's rise,
Has come the need of closer ties,
The need of widening travel's sphere.
So there were bridges, roads, as best
To form a network midst the farms,
A turnpike crossed the rugged crest,
So beauteous with the sunset's charms.

The men who settled in this place
Obeyed, with others, two commands:
They toiled six days at proper pace,
And, on the seventh, sought the grace
Of God, and eased their tired hands,
They heard the sermon, bowed to pray,
And sang the hymns so sweet and dear;
They met their neighbors on this day,
To change a word of hope and cheer.

At the beginning, when but few,
They worshipped in the distant villis;
However, when their numbers grew,
They built a church, so good and true,
Near where the turnpike crossed the hills
About the church a little plain
Lay sheltered from the northeast gales;
Here houses formed a village chain,
Here stopped the stage to leave the mails

And "Vernon" was the chosen name,
Perhaps from verdant fields close by;
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So 'twould be best if it would be
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'Tis this that now we celebrate,
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A century of changes great,
A century of progress vast.
Since then has Vernon grown apace,
Not where the village first was planned;
But in the north, where at the base

Of hills the foaming waters race,
And turn the wheels at our command.
For we have found the way to chain
And use the forces of the earth;
Have found the key that yet will gain
For every man his due, his worth.
And when the hand of time has brought
Still hundred summers to these hills;
When, too, the God in man has wrought
A righteous world, in deed and thought,—
When all has passed through His mills:
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George E. Sykes,

President Rockville Automobile Club.

years, and a large number of entries has already been received. There will be nine events and the first prize in each event will be a silver cup. The climb will start from Martin's coal yard, on New England hill. The rules are as follows:

1. The contest will be run in strict accordance with the rules of the Racing Board of the American Automobile Association.

2. The entry fee shall be \$5 for each event, which fee will be returned to the entrant upon the starting of his car in

the event for which it is entered. The fee must accompany the entry.

3. The first prize in each event will be a silver cup. No second prizes will be awarded, but a certificate showing position and time will be given if desired.

4. In all stock events the car must be exactly as per manufacturers' catalogue specifications and must be equipped with regular body, guards, muffler (which, however, can be open while running), lamps and horns.

5. The contest will be started promptly at 2 p. m., from Martin's coal yard, on New England hill. The entry fee of any contestant who is not ready to start on time shall be forfeited.

6. The committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving a reason therefor.

7. In event of rain the contest may be postponed one week at the discretion of the committee.

8. Each entrant shall hold the Automobile Club of Rockville harmless and indemnify it against all loss or damage resulting directly or indirectly from or growing out of the operation of, management or control of car entered by him. All suits of a civil or penal character of any kind whatsoever, arising from competition in this test must be borne and resulting judgment satisfied by the competitor responsible for the action.

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The Singing Society Liedertafel Of Rockville,

Was organized in November, 1876. The aim of the society was to advance the love of good music, furnish a strong male chorus and uphold good fellowship. Its first meeting was held in Pfeifer's Hall, on Main street. Sixteen men were admitted at that meeting as Charter Members, and thus the foundation was laid of the present splendid Society, which now numbers 120; and is composed of the most prominent German Citizens of Rockville.

Many concerts were given by the Liedertafel, which always proved successful and were largely patronized. The first concert was held in the old Rockville House in 1878.

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In November, 1901, the Society celebrated its 25th anniversary, and it received valuable presents from many Singing Societies of this State.

The Liedertafel was incorporated in 1903. The headquarters of the Society is at Linck's hall, where the monthly meetings and weekly rehearsals have been held since 1893.

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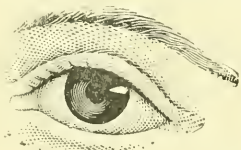
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TOWN OF VERNON INCORPORATED.

The town of Vernon was set off from the town of Bolton, and by an act of the General Assembly of the state of Connecticut held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1808, was incorporated into a town by itself. The following is a true copy of the record:

"Upon the petition of Oliver King and Saul Alvord, of Bolton, in the county of Tolland, agents for said town of Bolton, in their own names, and in the names and behalf of the rest of the inhabitants of said town of Bolton,—shewing to this assembly that said town is about eleven miles in length from north to south, and from three to five miles in width from east to west, and is divided into two ecclesiastical societies, and that from the situation and circumstances of the inhabitants of said town, the same ought to be divided into two towns by the society lines; and that all questions respecting the debts, poor, bridges, and all matters, which might arise in consequence of a division of said town, have been amicably settled and adjusted. Praying for an act of assembly to divide said town as aforesaid and to allow each town one representative only, as by Petition on file dated the 3d day of May, A. D. 1808.

"This petition was brought to the General Assembly holden at Hartford in May last, and thence by legal continuance, to this Assembly, with an order to advertise notice of the pendency of the same, which order has been complied with and no opposition being made against the prayer of said petition and the facts stated in the same being proved—

"Resolved, By this Assembly, that the inhabitants living within the limits of the society of North Bolton, in said town of Bolton, be and they hereby are incorporated into and made a town by the name of Vernon; and that they and their successors, inhabitants within said limits, are, and shall forever remain a town and body politic with the rights, privileges and immunities to other towns belonging, excepting that they shall elect only one representative to the General Assembly and the lines and limits of said society

shall be the lines and limits of said town of Vernon.

"And it is further resolved, that said town of Vernon shall hold their first town meeting at the meeting house in said Vernon on the third Monday of November next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to choose their town officers for the year ensuing;—and said meeting shall be warned by posting a notification to that effect on the sign post in said Vernon ten days before said third Monday of November, which notification shall be signed by Oliver King, Esquire, who shall be the moderator of said meeting; and in case the said King shall fail to perform the duty hereby assigned to him, the same may be performed by any other justice of the peace in any town adjoining said town of Vernon—

"And it is further resolved, that said town of Bolton shall hereafter elect no more than one representative to a session of the General Assembly.

"A true copy of Record, examined by
"Samuel Wyllys, Secretary."

FREEMEN IN VERNON ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Men Who Had Privilege of the Ballot When Town Was Incorporated.

It is quite appropriate that the free-men who comprised the town of Vernon when it was incorporated 100 years ago should be generally known by the citizens of the town of Vernon and present and former residents of the town. There were 108 names on the list—somewhat smaller than the list of 1908. There are a number of familiar names on the list, especially to the older residents of the town. The list as compiled from volume 1 of the town records, is as follows:—

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Ebenezer Bivins
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East Main Street—An old view.



Elm Street Looking North. Old View.



An old view of Market Street showing Union Hall, first public hall opened in Rockville.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28.

Morning. Special services in all the churches, sermons by former pastors and singing of old-time hymns.

Afternoon. Rendition of famous oratorio, "The Creation," in Union church.

Evening. Oratorio will be given second rendition, with solo parts by distinguished New York Artists, Orchestra, and Chorus of 125 voices. Historical address at St. John's church by Rev. Dr. Samuel Hart, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School and President of Connecticut Historical Society. Solemn High Vespers at St. Bernard's Church, with sermon by Rev. Edward Flannery of Hazardville.

MONDAY, JUNE 29.

Afternoon. Opening exercises at Vernon Center (mother settlement of the town), in historic Congregational church, built in 1826, with following program: 1, Music; 2, Invocation; 3, Address of welcome by Parley B. Leonard, Esq., first selectman of the Town of Vernon; 4, Reading of Act of the General Assembly creating the Town of Vernon, by Francis B. Skinner, Esq., town clerk; 5, Music; 6, Historical Essay by C. Denison Talcott, Esq.; 7, Music; 8, Reminiscences, by Capt. Charles W. Burpee of Hartford; 9, Centennial poem, by Prof. Thos. D. Goodell of New Haven; 10, Music; 11, Commemorative address by Hon. Charles

Phelps, President of Vernon Centennial Committee; 12, Benediction.

Following the exercises in the church there will be a Band Concert and social gathering on green in front of the church.

Evening. Grand Colonial Ball in Town Hall, under auspices of Sabra Trumbull Chapter, D. A. R.

Grand Ball at Turn Hall.

Opening of Electrical Display and Illuminations; Band Concert; Vaudeville, and Midway, on East Main street.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30.

Afternoon. Automobile Hill-Climb Contest, Vernon avenue, at 2 o'clock. Athletic sports, including foot races, sack races, climbing greased pole, etc.

Ball game on Union-street grounds, Rockville vs. Middletown, champions of Middlesex County League. Balloon Ascension; Band Concert; Vaudeville, and Midway.

Evening. Meeting of Alumni of Rockville High School, with grand reunion.

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Afternoon. Fifers' and Drummers' convention and contest.

Ball game on Union-street grounds, Rockville vs. Bristol.

Balloon Ascension; Band Concert; Vaudeville, and Midway.

Evening. Grand pyrotechnical display, furnished by Clarence D. Holt, former Rockville resident.

Band Concert; Midway, and Vaudeville; Electrical display and Illuminations.

THURSDAY, JULY 2.

Morning. Baseball game on Union-street grounds between Rockville and Springfield State League team. (game will be preceded by parade of the players of the two teams in autos, headed by band).

Afternoon. Baseball on Union-street grounds, Rockville vs. Springfield State League team.

Balloon Ascension; Band Concert; Vaudeville, and Midway.

Evening. Rockville Baseball Association's reception to players, entertainment, and ball, in Town Hall. Social dance at Turn Hall.

Band Concert; Vaudeville, and Midway; Electrical display and Illuminations.

FRIDAY, JULY 3.

Afternoon. Grand military, civic and industrial parade, ending with Centennial Drill under direction of Moritz Kemnitz.

Band Concert; Balloon Ascension; Vaudeville, and Midway.

German Entertainment at Turn Hall.

Evening. Grand military ball at Town Hall.

German entertainment at Turn Hall. Band Concert; Vaudeville, and Midway; Electrical display and Illuminations.

SATURDAY, JULY 4.

Morning. Parade of Antiques and Horribles.

Band Concert.

Afternoon. Firemen's muster.

Baseball, Rockville vs. Stafford.

Balloon Ascension; Band Concert; Vaudeville, and Midway.

Evening. Firemen's ball in Town Hall.

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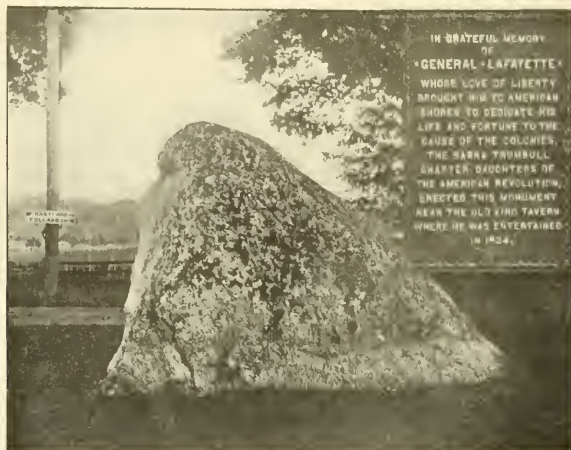
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FIRST TOWN MEETING IN TOWN OF VERNON

**It Was Held on the Third Monday in the
Month of November, 1808.**

The first town meeting of the town of Vernon was held on the third Monday in November, 1808. Following is a copy of the proceedings of the meeting, taken from the records:

At a Town meeting legally warned and held in Vernon on the third Monday of November, A. D. 1808, Oliver King, Moderator in said meeting—

Oliver King was chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing—

Oliver King was chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing—

Cornelius Roberts, Oliver Hunt & Lemuel King were chosen Select Men for the year ensuing—

Constables—Francis McLean to collect the state tax; Ebenezer Kellogg, jr.

Grand Jurors—Alex'n McLean & Elijah Skinner, jr.—,

Lifters—Scottoway Hinkley & Ebenezer Kellogg, jr.—

Tything—John Chapman & Thomas W. Kellogg—

Surveyors of Highway—Ebenezer Chapman, Jameson Cheesebrough, Alvan Talcott.—

Haywards—Elijah Skinner, jr., Eli Hammond—

Pound Keeper—Cornelius Roberts.—
Fence Viewers—Irad Fuller & Solomon Perrin.—

Voted—A Tax of one Cent on a Dollar on the last August list to defray Town charges—

Voted—That swine have liberty to run at large with a ring in their nose.

Voted—A Tax of two Cents on a Dollar on the last August list for mending Highways.—

Voted—That the Select Men divide the districts and assess the labor on the Highways.

Voted—That a warning put on the sign Post in the Town at least six days previous by the proper Authority be legal warning for a Town Meeting.

Voted—That the Selectmen meet with and settle accounts with the Select Men of the Town of Bolton.—

Voted—That this meeting be adjourned to be opened immediately after the Freemen's Meeting in April next.

Test: Oliver King, Town Clerk.

PRESENT TOWN OFFICIALS.

Town Clerk and Treasurer—Francis B. Skinner.

Selectmen—P. B. Leonard, Paul Brache and John H. Zimmermann.

Tax Collector—August C. Magdefrau.

Assessors—John P. Cameron, Lester D. Phelps, George R. Billings.

Board of Relief—Alfred O. Thrall, Joseph Grist, William Merten.

Registrars of Voters—Francis A. Randall, George Forster.

School Visitors—S. Tracy Noble, Edwin G. Butler, Morris H. Talcott, T. F. O'Loughlin, Dr. A. R. Goodrich, Dr. J. E. Hassett.

Town Auditors—Albert E. Waite, Joseph E. Bolan.

High School Committee—Horace G. Talcott, Jennie B. Butler, William Maxwell, Lyman Twining Tingier, Geo. P. Wendheiser.

CITY OFFICIALS.

Mayor—George Forster.

City Clerk—John N. Keeney.

City Treasurer—Frank Farrenkopf.

Sheriff—Michael Shea.

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When discord came, which oft destroys

A nation with its blighting breath,
So hopeful with the springtime joys;

From Vernon went the soldier boys,
Unmindful of the chance of death.

Unmindful of the trying life,

The horrors of the battlefield,
They bravely followed drum and fife
When thunder-like the cannons pealed.

They fought to end an age-old wrong—

To liberate a fettered race;
So that the nation might grow strong—
That clearer would the soul-felt song

Of freedom ring through boundless space.
There was the tear—there was the sigh,
When coldly fate had cast her dice;
But progress, O, thy altar high
Is worth the greatest sacrifice.

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Whiting, David W.

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Skinner, Alden B.
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Chappell, Wm. W.
Craw, Hiram

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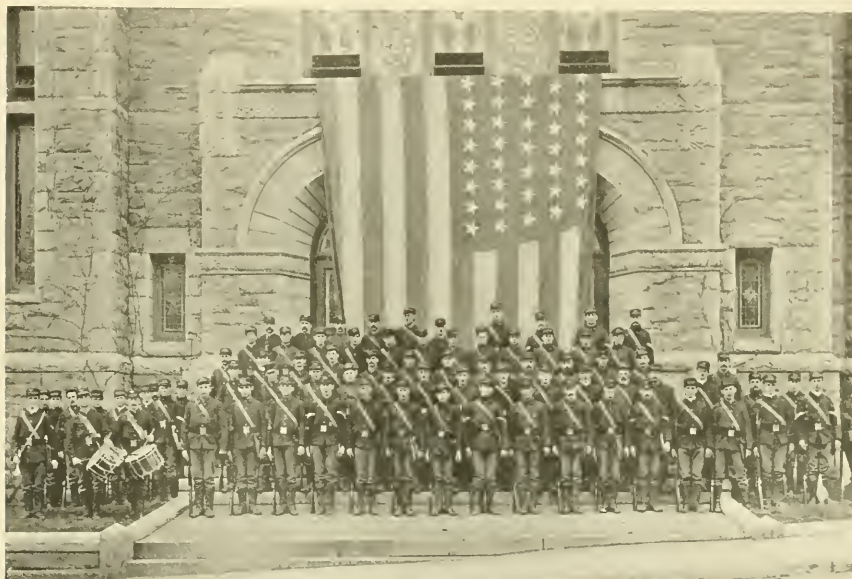
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Historical Exhibit of Relics and Curios in Library Hall, in the Maxwell Memorial Library, will be open daily during Centennial week. Here are gathered, from the rare stores of old residents, many objects of historical interest connected with the traditions and events of early times.

On arriving at Rockville, visitors are requested to register their names, with home and local address, at the Information Bureau, which is located in the office of the Rockville Gas & Electric Company, in the Prescott block, on Park street. Compliance with this request will hasten the reunion of old friends and will enable the committee to keep a record of all former residents who visit the town during the week.

The Information Bureau, office of Rockville Gas & Electric Company, Prescott block, Park street, is established for the convenience of visitors. Articles lost or found should be reported here. A list of available rooms and boarding places will be on file. Persons having any rooms to rent or who desire to take boarders should communicate at once with William M. Lewis, Bureau of Information, giving address and full particulars.

An Industrial Exhibit, showing the products of Vernon's manufacturing plants, will be held daily in the Maxwell Memorial Library, on Union street, main floor. It will be well worth a visit. The committee in charge of the exhibit consists of E. F. Badmington, A. N. Belding, M. C. Mason, William Maxwell, F. J. Regan, Lobbeus F. Bissell, A. L. Martin, Frank Keeney, C. D. Talcott and Minor White.

The Victor Carnival Company of New York City, the largest carnival company on the road, will furnish the Midway attractions for Vernon's Centennial celebration

for the entire week. The company has a gorgeous outfit and is beyond question the finest thing of its kind ever seen in this section of the country, and alongside of it all other Midways pale into insignificance. The shows are clean and wholesome—each one of them—and women and children need have no fear in attending.

Miss Mabel McKinley, a talented and accomplished singer, niece of the lamented President, William McKinley, has been secured for a special attraction for the entire week and will sing every afternoon and evening several of her own compositions, including the famous Indian song, "Anona." She will be heard in the open air, probably on Central Park, and will be accompanied by a full concert band.

N. B.—The athletic events scheduled for Wednesday in the official program, given elsewhere, have been changed to Tuesday, June 30.

On Tuesday evening, Alden Skinner camp, Sons of Veterans, will give a grand ball in Town Hall.

Visitors to Rockville during the week who want to spend a few delightful hours should visit Snipsie Lake and Crystal Lake. Rockville and Stafford trolley cars take you direct to the Lakes. Both beautiful resorts.

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